

**STAELS**  
**U.S. National Phase of PCT/FR03/00157**

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees. Claims 1-42 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 43-78 have been added and are pending. No new matter has been added.

The requisite Declaration was filed during the International Phase and a copy of the same is attached.

The filing fees are attached with and English language translation of the specification.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. The attached paper and computer readable copies of the sequence listing are the same. No new matter has been added. A separate Statement to this effect is attached.

Return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609, is requested.

A Notification/Notice of Acceptance is requested with a Filing Receipt and an early and favorable action on the merits of the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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